

Green Conference that I hosted in Frederick, Maryland on June 7, 2010. This free community service event featured more than 125 exhibitors including over 25 energy efficient, low emissions green vehicles. These exhibitors were mainly small and local businesses, like Jack's, committed to help homeowners and small business owners discover practical ways you can save money, use less energy, protect our environment and go green on any size budget.

Jack has been a winner of multiple awards from International for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. More importantly, Mr. Saum was named International Dealer of the Year for 2004 which is the highest honor an International dealer can earn.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and many of his employees at Beltway Companies, LLC. I ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his fellow customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders. I wish him the best for continued success in the future.

#### HONORING LEIGHTON STUART

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leighton Stuart. Leighton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Leighton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Leighton has been involved with scouting, he has not only contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project and earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Leighton Stuart for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

#### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1974, a heavily armed Turkish invasion force landed on the beaches of its sovereign, independent neighbor—Cyprus.

While ostensibly on a peaceful mission to restore order, the Turkish military carried out a brutal campaign against Greek Cypriots, called "Operation Atilla".

Over five thousand Greek Cypriots were estimated to have been killed; an additional sixteen hundred Greek Cypriots were reported missing; and over two hundred thousand

Greek Cypriots were evicted from their homes, never to return.

Demetris Drakos, who was a child during the invasion, recently recalled his impressions to the BBC: "Fear and confusion as the Turks invaded, running out under the cover of night with nothing but the clothes on our backs, leaving behind our ancestral homes, our lives and in some cases our loved ones."

Subsequently, as part of an "ethnic cleansing"-style campaign, as some have deemed it, the occupying Turkish forces converted churches to mosques and brought Turkish squatters to settle in homes from which Greek Cypriots had been forced to flee.

The violent military occupation that began in July 1974 and the subsequent illegal actions by Turkey on Cyprus have been repeatedly criticized by the international community.

The United Nations Security Council has passed seventy-five separate resolutions calling for Turkey to allow Greek Cypriots to return to their homes and to withdraw its troops from Cyprus.

In 1976, 1983 and again in 2009, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Turkey was illegally occupying Cyprus and must return all seized properties to their Greek Cypriot owners.

Turkey continues to ignore such condemnations of its actions.

While both the United States and the United Kingdom have unequivocally stated their support for a Cypriot-authored solution for the reunification of the country with a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation enjoying a single sovereignty and citizenship, to date no similar commitments or comments have been issued by the Turkish government.

Turkey has a moral obligation to grant the Turkish Cypriot community full autonomy in the reunification negotiations and to clearly commit to abiding by any terms agreed upon in a Cypriot reunification agreement.

Above all, Turkey must withdraw its occupation troops from Cyprus.

Those actions would go farther toward achieving peace and stability in Cyprus than all the rhetoric of good intentions we have heard over and again from Ankara.

On this 36th anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting Cypriot efforts to establish a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict that has ravaged their country and divided their people for far too long.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF TOM CALIPER

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career of Tom Caliper as he retires as business manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and as executive director of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council.

Tom Caliper is the son of Frank and Lola Caliper. Frank, in addition to serving as Mayor of the Village of Colp, Illinois, for 52 years, was the owner of Caliper Plumbing and Heating. Tom undoubtedly learned the plumbing trade from his father, but Tom says his father

also taught him a great deal about leadership and about caring for others, qualities that Tom has put to good use both as a labor leader and through his extensive charitable work.

Through 29 years in leadership for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 551 and 25 years at the head of the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council, Tom Caliper has made an indelible mark on the labor landscape of Southern Illinois. One of his most effective achievements was the implementation of a project labor agreement whereby all publicly funded projects in Southern Illinois would be constructed by Southern Illinois tradesmen and women. This led to increased economic and community development in the region as wages earned by Southern Illinois workers were re-invested within Southern Illinois communities.

Not only was Tom Caliper a driving force for organized labor but he was also responsible for improving the lives of countless area families through his volunteer and charitable efforts. Tom was instrumental in starting the "Coats for Kids" campaign which, through his tireless fund-raising and organizational efforts over the years, has provided needed warm-weather clothing for area children. It was important to Tom that the children who were the beneficiaries of the "Coats for Kids" program received only new, good-quality clothing, nothing second-hand.

Tom Caliper has been the model of leadership throughout his career. He has worked effectively in representing and advocating for his members, he has helped create additional opportunities for job creation and he realized the importance of giving back to his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Tom Caliper for his years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Southern Illinois and to wish him the very best in the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 19, 2010, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 450, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1219, had I been present for the last vote of the series.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER BAKER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Baker. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.